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TRADE BETWEEN INDIA AND INDONESIA
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of foreign trade, in terms of items and value, that has taken place between India and Indonesia during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether the percentage of exports to Indonesia from India is very low in comparison to import from that country;

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor; and

(d) the action taken by the Government to boost the exports to Indonesia?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI)

(a) The details of exports to and imports from Indonesia of major commodities during the last three years is as under:

Exports Value in US$ million

S.No.	Commodity	1999-2000	2000-01	2001-2002 (Apr-Dec)
1.	Oil meals	50.70	68.60	37.83
2.	Groundnut	43.49	36.54	16.42
3.	Dyes/Intmdtes & coar tar chemicals	40.25	25.24	11.92
4.	Transport equipment	8.12	23.50	6.68
5.	Cotton yarn, fabrics, made-ups	16.96	22.36	16.19
6.	Inorganic/organic/ agro chemicals	16.09	22.10	12.85
7	Primary & semi-finished iron & steel	18.32	20.60	21.58
8.	Plastics & linoleum products	8.02	20.19	18.71
9.	Manmade yarn, fabrics, made-ups	10.04	17.32	19.76
10.	Machinery & instruments	13.51	16.79	11.18
11.	Drugs, pharmaceuticals & fine chemicals	13.70	14.44	10.30

12. Sugar 0.04 2.39 68.76

Total including other commodities 324.71 399.24 353.67

(Source: DGCI&S, Calcutta)

Imports Value in US$ million

S.No. Commodity 1999-2000 2000-01 2001-2002(Apr-Dec)

1. Vegetable oil fixed (edible) 311.05 388.61 288.67

2. Coal, coke and briquettes, etc 84.33 81.05 86.59

3. Organic chemicals 55.49 50.24 35.90

4. Wood & wood products 41.27 41.83 60.92

5. Inorganic chemicals 9.96 41.35 21.97

6. Manmade filament /spun yarn 31.05 31.18 28.21

7 Electronic goods 23.01 27.95 13.96

8. Pulp and waste paper 20.99 25.89 14.94

9. Metalifers ores and metal scrap 31.57 20.76 52.28

10. Dyeing, tanning, colouring materials 16.48 16.69 17.31

Total including other commodities 958.79 902.54 773.35

(Source: DGCI&S, Calcutta)

(b) and (c) The percentage of our exports is low in comparison to our imports from Indonesia mainly on account of import of crude palm oil and decline in our exports after ASEAN economic crisis. Our exports have, however, started growing.

(d) Various steps to boost our exports include encouraging inter-actions between respective Chamber of Commerce and business houses, counter-trading arrangements, high level exchange of visits, organizing an India Promotion Month with leading department store chain for display and sale of quality Indian products.